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Comment: Northeast NPR-A Planning Area

Dear Northeast Planning Area,

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Please protect the Teshekpuk Lake and other important wildlife areas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska by going back and offering a new alternative that protects more special fish, wildlife and subsistence hunting areas and includes more protective stipulations. At the very least, the BLM should adopt Alternative A, the "No Action" Alternative.

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Allowing industries to fowl this natural resource will not solve our country's energy crisis- conservation of energy and alternative sources are the real answers, and neither requires injury to our most precious public lands. This area was set aside for emergencies only, and we have no such emergency before us now. The impact to nature's balance in these areas would far exceed the value of the oil extracted; the real motivation can only be politics and profit; it must be your first priority to protect these lands from special interests, whether supported by elected officials or not, for the benefit of the future and of the citizens who are the true owners of all public lands.

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Instead of opening up more of the area to leasing and oil and gas development, the BLM should provide a more balanced, science-based approach to energy development and environmental protection by permanently protecting the Teshekpuk Lake and Colville River Special Areas and strengthening monitoring and lease stipulation requirements. At a very minimum, the BLM should adopt Alternative A, the "No Action" Alternative, which retains current protections for the critical fish and wildlife habitats around Teshekpuk Lake.

Sincerely,

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Attached: None